

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 850

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Eleanor Yoakum to the board of directors of the Tennessee education lottery corporation.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-101, provides for the creation of the Tennessee education lottery corporation; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-103, provides that the governor shall appoint seven (7) members to the board of directors of the Tennessee education lottery corporation; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed Eleanor Yoakum of Tazewell to serve as a member of the board of directors of the Tennessee education lottery corporation for a term that will expire on June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Yoakum is a lifelong community activist and serves as Chairman of First Century Bank in Tazewell; she is a graduate of East Tennessee State University, where she received a degree in speech and hearing therapy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yoakum was the first woman to serve on the eight-state Burley Auction Tobacco Board and was appointed by President George H. Bush to the United States Federal Advisory Board on Tobacco. She was elected President of First Century Bank in 1990, serving as one of the only female bank presidents in the State, and served as Commissioner of Personnel for the State of Tennessee from 1996 to 1999 and as Chief Administrative Officer to the Governor from 1999 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Ms. Yoakum has served on numerous boards and commissions, including two terms on the Tennessee Arts Commission, for which she served as chairman in 1990; two terms on the Board of Professional Responsibility,

including as vice chairman in 2015; the Tennessee Higher Education Commission; and East Tennessee State Foundation Board and Alumni Boards; and

WHEREAS, a 2006 graduate of Leadership Knoxville, she also served as president of the Walters State Foundation Board from 2010 to 2011 and as secretary of the St. Mary's Hospital Board from 2008 to 2011; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Eleanor Yoakum was named East Tennessee State University Alumni of the Year in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yoakum is presently serving her second term on the Tennessee State Museum Commission and is a member of the Board of Directors of the East Tennessee Historical Society, Omni Vision, Heritage Christian Academy, and The Lincoln Institute Board; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Yoakum is the mother of two children, Stephanie Barger Conner and Robert Glenn Barger, and the proud grandmother of five grandchildren; she and her husband, former Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bill Dunavant, reside in Tazewell; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-103(f), provides that each member appointed by the governor to the board of directors of the Tennessee education lottery corporation shall be confirmed by joint resolution of the general assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of Eleanor Yoakum of Tazewell to the board of directors of the Tennessee education lottery corporation for a term that will expire on June 30, 2026.